

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating George Annarino as he celebrates his 70th birthday.

# HONORING SAINTS PETER AND PAUL PARISH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to pay tribute to the Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Three Rivers, Massachusetts upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

For the past century, Saints Peter and Paul Parish has played an integral role in the religious, educational and cultural life of its communicants.

The church was started in 1905 as a Polish speaking home to the growing number of Polish immigrants who made Palmer and the surrounding villages of Three Rivers, Thorndike, Bondsville and Depot Village their new home.

Today, the Saints Peter and Paul Parish continues to celebrate time-honored Polish traditions and customs, while serving as the spiritual and religious anchor of the community.

It is my privilege to honor this beautiful parish by placing its history into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I also wish "Sto lat"—the traditional Polish wish for another 100 years—to the Saints Peter and Paul Parish. Enjoy this momentous occasion.

## HISTORY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL PARISH

Records indicate that on September 28, 1608 when a group of settlers arrived in the Jamestown Colony, Polish immigrants were among them. Three hundred and seventy-two years later, there now number approximately eleven million Poles in the United States. History books have recorded the heroic exploits and great contributions that individuals from Poland such as Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Casimir Pulaski made during the early part of this country's history; yet it was not until the turn of this century that America felt the effects of mass migrations of men and women from Poland.

Political and religious persecution and severe economic hardship had resulted from the partitioning of Poland by Russia, Austria and Germany. From 1899 to 1910 almost one million people emigrated from Poland to the United States, with approximately 30,000 remaining in the Connecticut Valley.

Early records indicate that the first arrivals from Poland in the Palmer area came in the year 1886. The first Baptism of a Pole was recorded in St. Mary's Church in Thorndike in 1888. The ever-increasing number of Baptisms soon indicated the need for a Polish-speaking church.

The St. Joseph Society was organized in April of 1895 to unite the Polish community in the villages of Three Rivers, Thorndike and Bondsville to assist in meeting the needs and solving mutual problems of the new settlers.

The need for a Polish-speaking parish became paramount, and a church building committee was formed. Judge David Dillon served as adviser to the group and was instrumental in choosing the Four Corners site, geographic center of the town.

The committee was granted permission by the Most Rev. Bishop Thomas D. Beaven to

organize and establish the SS. Peter and Paul Parish. This task was entrusted to Rev. Wacław (Wenceslaus) Lenz in July, 1905. At the start, this fledgling parish numbered one thousand persons in Palmer and the Villages.

SS. Peter and Paul Church—the new parish to bear the names of the two outstanding apostles. Peter—successor to Christ—who was called from his fishing nets to follow Christ and become the Fisher of Men; and Paul—who had persecuted Christians and whose conversion on the way to Damascus resulted in his becoming the most prolific writer and influential evangelist of the Church. With such historic inspiration, the New Parish embarked upon its own unique history.

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES

While there have been many organizations in our parish over one hundred years, the following remain active and vital:

Holy Rosary Sodality—The oldest parish organization, the Rosary Sodality was founded in 1903 by Mrs. Catherine Kosinska; and Mrs. Tekla Pobudzynska to promote devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the daily recitation of the Rosary. In the early years, both men and women were members, but for most of its history, the sodality's membership has been comprised of women. In the 1980s, membership was opened to women from other parishes. Meetings are held monthly on the first Saturday of the month after First Saturday Mass at 7:00 A.M. Current Co-Presidents: Barbara Yurkunas & Debbie O'Connor.

Ladies Guild—Founded in 1948 as the Mothers Club by Rev. Msgr. Alphonse Skoniecki for mothers of parish school children to support the school financially and otherwise; the name was changed in 1973 by Rev. Robert Ceckowski to the Ladies Guild initially to support the religious education program. At the same time, membership was opened to all women of the parish, married and single. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month (except in June, July, and August). Current President: Sheila Gula.

Sacred Heart Society—Founded in 1913 by Rev. Andrew Krzywda for men and women of the parish to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Current President: Stephanie Putz.

Men's Guild—Founded in 1995 by Rev. Robert Ceckowski for the men of our parish, young and old as both a social and supportive group. The Men's Guild has become well-known for the wonderful parish dinners they organize and host in the parish hall several times throughout the year. Members also serve as ushers/collectors at Mass. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month (except in summertime). Current President: Fred Orszulak.

Militia Immaculata Prayer Group—Formed in the late 1990s from the National Militia Immaculata (founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe, martyr of charity), the group usually meets on Mondays at 7 P.M. (excluding the first Monday of the month). Coordinators: Barbara & John Yurkunas.

Prayer Cenacle for Priests—A prayer group formed to pray specifically for the sanctification of priests and vocations to the priesthood that meets weekly in the church on Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. The evening of prayer closes with the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Eucharistic Adoration Society—Individuals (parishioners and non-parishioners) who pray for an hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament in our church during regular daily Eucharistic Adoration (see "Mass Schedule" for specific adoration hours). New adorers/substitutes are always welcome! Coordinator: Barbara Yurkunas, 283-3293.

Children of Mary Sodality/Junior Sodality—Founded in 1911 by Anna Kruczek &

Mary Szczepanek. This group was comprised mainly of the young ladies of the parish and was particularly active during the years of our parochial school for girls in grades 1-8. The highlight of the year was the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue in May by the 8th grade Queen and her court. After the school closed, the focus shifted to both grammar and high school girls. The group became a junior part of the Rosary Sodality and members participate in processions throughout the year, including the Coronation of Mary in May. Coordinators: Charlene Schultz, Charlene Czaja.

St. Cecilia & Holy Family Choirs—The St. Cecilia Choir is probably as old as our parish. Members sing at the Sunday 8:00 A.M. Mass, as well as for special Masses, Processions, and seasonal Devotions (e.g., Christmas Midnight Mass; Holy Week; Forty Hours). The Holy Family Choir was established in the 1990s for younger members of the parish. They sing at the weekly 9:30 A.M. Mass, as well as other special occasions (e.g., First Holy Communion; Thanksgiving Day). Occasionally, both choirs sing together (e.g., Corpus Christi; Coronation of Mary).

Rehearsals are held in the choir loft on Tuesdays—Holy Family Choir, 6:15 P.M.; St. Cecilia Choir, 7:15 P.M. New members are always welcome and encouraged to join! Current Director: Mark Narreau.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—Men and women of the parish who are invited to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. When lay persons were given permission by the Vatican to minister in this capacity, our parish began the practice in 1977. Extraordinary Ministers understand that when enough priests are available, their assistance is not needed. Current Coordinator: Michael Wostena.

Altar Servers—Young men of the parish who are invited to assist at serving the priest at the altar for Holy Mass and other Devotions. Boys who have made their First Holy Communion are eligible to become Altar Boys.

Lectors—A ministry open to any member of the parish, male and female, young and old. They proclaim the Word of God (except the Gospel which is reserved to priest and deacon) at both daily and Sunday Masses. Current Coordinator: Charlene Czaja.

Parish Staff—Pastor: Fr. Stefan Niemczyk; Religious Education Director: Michael J. Wostena; Parish Council Chairman: Fred P. Brozek; Parish Secretary: Lydia McKee; "The Parish Chronicle," weekly bulletin: Michael Wostena, Maryann Wostena, Fr. Stefan; Director of St. Cecilia (Senior) Choir & Holy Family (Junior) Choir: Mark Narreau; Organists: Mark Narreau; Mary Besko; Sacristans: Maryann Wostena, Michael Wostena; Facilities/maintenance: John Dziedzic, Fred Guzik.

## A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF STAFF SERGEANT SHAMUS O. GOARE

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and the residents of Danville of Staff Sgt. Shamus O. Goare upon the death of this outstanding soldier.

Staff Sgt. Goare was a member of the United States Army B Company, 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment

stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia. He was serving his great nation in the country of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Staff Sgt. Goare, at 29, was an active citizen in his community and did his best to make his country a better place to live. Staff Sgt. Goare's courage and selflessness to his country was displayed even as his helicopter came under attack on June 28, 2005.

Staff Sgt. Goare will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous soldier, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Staff Sgt. Shamus O. Goare.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF KOLMAN KRISHAN

#### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kolman Krishan, who passed away on July 2, 2005, at the age of 85. Mr. Krishan was a Veteran of World War II, serving from January 1943 until September 1945, primarily in the Panama Canal Zone. Mr. Krishan was born March 3, 1920 in Union Town, Pennsylvania. He moved to Lincoln Park, Michigan in the late 1930s and finally settled in Newport, Michigan with his wife Lois. Mr. Krishan worked for Detroit Edison and leaves behind three children and three grandchildren. His life serves as a prime example of his generation, with commitment to the values of hard work, sacrifice and duty.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Central United Methodist Church on its 100th anniversary.

This spring, the church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its foundation in 1905. The congregation is a source of inspiration and symbol of strength for all its members and the Beaver County community as a whole. In order to mark the special occasion, the church will host a dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. that is open to the public. This summer alone the church has proudly served more than 500 people through its monthly meal celebration.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Central United Methodist Church. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute an enduring institution like the Central United congregation.

#### HONORING WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT

#### HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Women's Rights Movement. Today marks the 157th anniversary of the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York.

Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and hundreds of other influential women planned, organized, marched and petitioned to achieve women's suffrage. These women produced the Declaration of Sentiments, which urges women's equality with men before the law, in education and employment. The declaration also was the first pronouncement demanding that women be given the right to vote. Their efforts brought the issues of equality and freedom to the forefront and forced people to examine the roles and rights of women in society.

In a time when the United States is spreading freedom and democracy across the globe, we must honor the women who helped establish gender equality right here at home. These women exemplify courage and their fight for freedom must be remembered and celebrated.

The recent success of the Iraqi people in their quest to vote is continued proof that all people want to have a say in the way their government functions and represents its citizenry. The United States must continue its quest for freedom and democratic rights for all people.

I am proud to have the Women's Rights National Historical Park and the National Women's Hall of Fame in my Congressional district. The Women's Rights National Historical Park is comprised of the Wesleyan Chapel (the site of the first women's rights convention), Declaration Park (which displays the full text of the Declaration of Sentiments), and the Stanton Home. The National Women's Hall of Fame is a tribute to some of the greatest women in the history of the United States. The Hall continues to honor women's achievements and bring women's accomplishments to the foreground by annually inducting women whose contributions to society have been of great value to the development of their country. I encourage all people to visit and learn more about the women and the events that led to women's equality in the United States.

#### A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN MICHAEL R. KUHN FOR RECEIVING A BRONZE STAR MEDAL

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Captain Michael R. Kuhn of the 42nd MP Brigade in the United States Army was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for acting out in bravery and courage against the enemy while engaged in military operations; and

Whereas, Captain Michael R. Kuhn is to be commended for the honor and heroism that he

displayed while serving our Nation in Baghdad, Iraq; and

Whereas, Captain Michael R. Kuhn has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence, and outstanding service which has extended from his time serving in the Ohio University Reserve Officer Training Corps to now serving as a soldier in the United States Army.

Therefore, I join with the family and friends, the residents of Logan County, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in thanking Captain Michael R. Kuhn for his service to our country and to congratulate him on his achievement of receiving the Bronze Star Medal. Your service has made us proud.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM BARTLEY CRAWLEY UPON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William Bartley Crawley, a prominent Alabama farmer, agricultural leader, and conservationist, on the fiftieth anniversary of his death.

In the heart of Pike County near Banks, Alabama, lies State Road 201, a nondescript mile-and-a-half stretch of blacktop one would use if traveling from Brundidge to Monticello and points beyond. The pastoral setting along State Road 201 understates the legacy and the prominence of the man who lived in the white farmhouse along that highway among the rolling fields of peanuts and cotton. By an act of the Alabama Legislature, State Road 201 now bears that man's name: the William Bartley Crawley Highway.

The legacy of Mr. Crawley is as deep and rich as the red dirt road that ran due east from the white farmhouse into the heart of the 3,000 acre Crawley farm.

William Bartley Crawley was born August 21, 1893, the fifth of six children of John Henry Crawley and Laura Jane Stokes. John Henry was a respected farmer in the Banks community and passed his love for farming to his children. William Bartley, or W.B., married Willie T. Brantley in 1913 and spent the years 1915 to 1932 not as a farmer, but as a road contractor, building many of the farm-to-market and butter-and-egg roads on which agriculture in the South had come to depend.

Mr. Crawley ultimately yielded to his passion to farm full-time, and was soon thereafter called on to speak for all the farmers in the community. Thus began what would become a lifetime of service as a leading voice in agriculture in Alabama and the Nation.

Mr. Crawley's first leadership role began in 1933 when he was named Pike County, Alabama's committeeman to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA). The AAA, the forerunner of the Production and Marketing Administration (PMA), was established within the U.S. Department of Agriculture to raise farm prices by limiting and diversifying crop production, and to protect the long-term viability of farming by introducing soil conservation methods. Mr. Crawley quickly rose to prominence in the AAA becoming Alabama state